



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

DATE/TIME: Monday, February 28, 2005 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION: Police Department Auditorium
870 Santa Barbara Drive**

Roll Call

1. Minutes of January 10, 2005 (*minutes attached*)
2. Discussion of procedures for review of environmental documents
3. Report from Membership Subcommittee
4. Report from EQAC Representative to GPUC
5. Report from EQAC Members on GPAC
6. Economic Development Committee (EDC) Representative's Report
7. Council Member Reports
8. Report from staff on current projects
9. Public Comments
10. Future Agenda Items
11. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 21, 2005

*Attachments can be found on the City's website <http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us>, once there, click on **City Council**, then scroll to and click on **Agendas and Minutes** then scroll to and click on **Environmental Quality Affairs**. If attachment is not on the web page, it is also available in the City of Newport Beach Planning Department, 3300 Newport Boulevard, Building C, 2nd Floor.



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DRAFT Minutes 1-10-05

Minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Citizens Advisory Committee held at the City of Newport Beach Police Department Auditorium, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, on January 10, 2005.

Members Present

Cris Trapp, Acting Chairperson
Steven Rosansky, Council Member
Richard Nichols, Council Member
Mike Browning
Brent Cooper
Kristine Adams
Kenneth Drellishak
Barbara Thibault

Carol Hoffman
Phillip Lugar
Dolores Otting
Jeannette Thomas
Ray Halowski
Cristopher Welsh
Matt Wiley
Walter Lazicki

Staff Present

Sharon Wood, Assistant City Manager

Members not present

Laura Dietz - Excused
Tom Hyans - Sick leave
Merritt Van Sant
Jennifer Winn

Sandra Haskell - Excused
Gus Chabre
Barry Allen
Thomas Eastmond

Chairperson Trapp called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

1. Minutes of December 20, 2004

Motion: Ray Halowski to approve minutes

Seconded: Phillip Lugar

Motion passes unanimously

2. Subcommittee report and discussion of comments on Draft EIR for Newport Lexus project, 3901, 3931, 3961 MacArthur Blvd. and 848, 888 Dove Street

The Committee discussed the subcommittee report and amendments to the comments.

Motion: Phillip Lugar to approve DEIR as amended

Seconded: Kenneth Drellishak

Motion passes unanimously

3. Subcommittee report and discussion of comments on Draft EIR for Replacement of Newport Trunk Sewer and Force Mains, Orange County Sanitation District

The Committee discussed the subcommittee report and amendments to the comments.

Motion: Cristopher Welsh to approve DEIR as amended

Seconded: Dolores Otting

Motion passes unanimously

4. Report from EQAC Representative to GPUC

Sharon Wood reported on the meeting of January 10, 2005.

5. Report from EQAC Members on GPAC

Phillip Lugar reported that there was no meeting.

6. Economic Development Committee (EDC) Representative's Report

Carol Hoffman reported that there was no meeting.

7. Council Member Reports

Council Member Nichols reported on the study of Buck Gully run-off.

8. Report from staff on current projects – None

9. Public Comment – None

10. Future Agenda Items - None

11. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Mayor

Steven Bromberg

Mayor Pro Tem

Don Webb

Council Members

Leslie J. Daigle

John Heffernan

Richard A. Nichols

Tod W. Ridgeway

Steven Rosansky

January 12, 2005

Mr. Jim Herberg, P.E., Engineering Manager
c/o Angie Anderson
Orange County Sanitation District
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

VIA FACSIMILE

Comments on DEIR for the
Replacement of Newport Trunk Sewer and Force Mains

Dear Mr. Herberg:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the above-captioned Project, as well as your courtesy in presenting the Project to the Newport Beach Environmental Quality Affairs Committee (EQAC), and allowing the City to submit comments after your deadline to allow for review by EQAC and the City Council. As you may know, EQAC reviews and prepares comments on DEIRs for the City Council's consideration. The comments in this letter are based on review of the DEIR by EQAC and City staff, and were approved by the City Council on January 11, 2005.

Section 3.2 Biological Resources

The proposed Project Alternative 2 would use the existing utility easement, which, according to the DEIR, "is assumed to be outside of the jurisdictional wetland area." Alternative 2C would allow the proposed Project to proceed without the impacts to land use and traffic that would result from the Alternative 1 alignment.

Section 3.4 Geology and Soils

Section 3.4.1 contains detailed descriptions of the seismology and local geology in the proposed Project area. It emphasizes that these sewer mains will be installed in an area which is seismically active (Newport-Inglewood Fault Zone) and subject to liquefaction, subsidence and landslides. Specifically, "Landslides and Spreading"

defines the “cliffs at the edge of the utility road and oil field as seismic landslide hazard areas.” The City urges the District to take these conditions into consideration in the final design of the pipeline, and follow recognized industry standards.

Table 2-1 shows the need to remove 44,510 cubic yards of material due to Alternative 2C trenching and tunneling. Some of this material is coming from areas near old sewer mains and old oil fields and may be contaminated and in need of special handling. This should be addressed in the Final EIR.

Section 3.6 Hydrology and Water Quality

Impact 3.6-4 states that “the operation of the sewer could result in sewage spills.” The DEIR further states that the Project is being proposed to minimize the potential for sewage spills; however, the DEIR does not provide any specific measures to that end. The Final EIR should discuss the measures being proposed to ensure that the existing sewer lines will not be breached or damaged during construction, creating a serious spill, particularly within the SAR Marsh.

Section 3.8 Noise

The DEIR states that the proposed Project would increase sewage pumping capacity from 240 to 480 million gallons per day. The Final EIR should address the issue of operational noise associated with this increase in capacity, including the increases in continuous noise due to doubled flow rates and doubled pump capacity after Project completion.

Section 3.10 Traffic

Mitigation Measure M-3.7-2 regarding the rerouting of bicycle traffic on West Coast Highway is not realistic. Coast Highway is a major regional bicycle facility with hundreds of cyclists using it on peak days. Even on winter weekdays, groups of cyclists travel this road including during peak traffic periods. It is the City’s experience that these cyclists will not divert to the proposed alternate route, but will occupy one of the 10’ lanes, resulting in substantial traffic congestion and increased risk of collisions between vehicles and bicycles as well as between vehicles making last minute lane changes to avoid slower moving cyclists.

Mitigation Measure M-3.10-1 states that “(d)irt haul operations occurring during the peak summer months shall not occur during peak AM or PM periods (6:00-9:00 AM and 3:00-6:00 PM.).” The Final EIR should clarify “summer months” to be consistent with City of Newport Beach Department of Public Works definition, to

insure a minimum of conflict with peak PCH usage.

Chapter 4 Project Alternatives

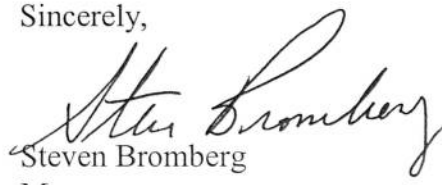
The District's preferred alternative is Alternative 2C; however, the text on Page 4-10 is not complete in its discussion of this alternative. It appears that part of the text is missing.

Conclusion

The City of Newport Beach commends the District for the thoroughness of this DEIR, especially the analysis of a range of alternatives. The City supports the District's preferred alternative, Alternative 2C, because it will have the least impacts with respect to land use and traffic issues to residents and businesses in West Newport.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in the review of this project. If you have questions about the City's comments, please contact Assistant City Manager Sharon Wood at 949-644-3222.

Sincerely,


Steven Bromberg
Mayor